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10 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 10 April 1968

DD/I announced that the conference on enemy order of battle in South Vietnam will commence this morning.

Godfrey called attention to indications of a pending riot in Addis Ababa.

Godfrey reported on the joint CIA/DIA briefing of General Maxwell Taylor yesterday. The Director requested a meeting prior to Friday's PFIAB meeting to discuss issues arising from the briefing.

Godfrey reported that Walt Rostow has suggested some changes in the format of the special report on indications of Viet Cong restraint.

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ADD/S asked the Director's concurrence to close down the special operations centers established to cope with possible contingencies arising from the recent disturbances.

Carver informed that he has forwarded the Director a paper commenting on how Hanoi may view a coalition government in South Vietnam and reported on several telephone inquiries from journalists.

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Bross noted that he and [REDACTED] have been invited by General Maxwell Taylor to discuss with him the matter of information handling in the intelligence community.

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[REDACTED] responded affirmatively to the Director's question about whether he is sitting in with the committee on the Peshawar problem.

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DD/S&T noted that last night an SR-71 flew a successful mission over the DMZ up to the twentieth parallel.

DD/P corrected his statement of 8 April concerning the problems with the Air America pilots in Laos.

Executive Director called attention to an item in Jerry Kluttz's column this morning concerning administrative leave for certain absentees on 9 April and announced that a clarification will be issued.

DDCI inquired about the status of restrictions on the use of the SR-71 over North Vietnam. The DD/S&T replied that they are the same as pertain to bombing missions.

DDCI announced that Admiral Showers is prepared to brief Agency officers with a need-to-know on the latest developments in the [] study. DDCI will inquire of Admiral Showers whether DIA plans to present the briefing to PFIAB on 11-12 April.

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After a discussion of how intelligence programs might best be related to the BALPA reductions in order to avoid a piecemeal approach, the Director asked the DDCI, Executive Director, and Bross to develop recommendations for taking a comprehensive approach to the problem.

The Director asked the DD/I to pass on to [] his thanks for a first-class job on the Stennis briefing.

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The Director discussed steps being taken to negotiate with North Vietnam.

ACTION:

1. The Director requested that the material prepared for his meeting with the PFIAB on Friday be available for his review by Thursday morning.

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L. K. White

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